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| In re Application of: Accola <i>et al.</i> | Confirmation No.: 1634 |
| Serial No.: 10/713,653 | Group No.: 1634 |
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| Entitled: Multiplex Amplification and Detection of CFTR Alleles | |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED AUGUST 13, 2008**

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| CERTIFICATE OF EFS WEB TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 | | | | | |
| <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is, on the date shown below, being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(a)(4).</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 50%;">Dated: <u>January 13, 2009</u></td><td style="width: 50%;">By: <u>/Mary Ann D. Brow/</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">Mary Ann D. Brow, Reg. No. 42,363</td></tr></table> | | Dated: <u>January 13, 2009</u> | By: <u>/Mary Ann D. Brow/</u> | | Mary Ann D. Brow, Reg. No. 42,363 |
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Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2008.

Applicants request a two month extension of time to respond.

The Commissioner is authorized by this paper to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No. FORS-08453. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

In accordance with the procedure for Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121,

please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a Listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks are on page 6 of this communication.